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SUBJECT: TEXTILES--DRAFT NOTE TO EXTEND USG/GOJ BILATERAL
AGREEMENT

GENEVA FOR PHELAN

1. DEPARTMENT HAS PASSED FOLLOWING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
EXTEND BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT TO JAMAICAN EMBASSY
(BASIL BRYAN):

EXCELLENCY:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE COTTON TEXTILE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS EFFECTED BY AN EXCHANGE OF
NOTES DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 1967, AS AMENDED BY EXCHANGE OF
NOTES ON JULY 21, 1970, AND SEPTEMBER 26, 1973. AS A

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RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO

GOVERNMENTS, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED AGREEMENT BE CONTINUED IN FORCE AND AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

PARAGRAPH 1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"1. THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE FROM OCTOBER 1, 1970, THROUGH MARCH 31, 1975."

PARAGRAPH 2 IS AMENDED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING:

"FOR THE FIFTH AGREEMENT PERIOD, CONSTITUTING THE SIX MONTH PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 1974 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1975, THE AGGREGATE AND SPECIFIC LIMITS SHALL BE ONE HALF THE COMPARABLE LIMITS FOR THE FOURTH AGREEMENT YEAR, INCREASED BY 5 PERCENT."

IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, THIS NOTE AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE OF ACCEPTANCE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

2. UNDER NEW MULTILATERAL, MULTI-FIBER TEXTILE AGREEMENT (MFA), WE ARE OBLIGED TO BRING ALL EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS INTO CONFORMITY WITH MORE LIBERAL PROVISIONS OF THE MFA BY APRIL 1, 1975. THIS AMENDMENT WOULD EXTEND THE SEPTEMBER 29, 1967, AGREEMENT TO MARCH 31, 1975, GIVING US TIME TO MEET WITH JAMAICANS TO CONCLUDE NEW AGREEMENT. FYI SUCH AN EXTENSION WAS SUGGESTED BY BRYAN AT ABOUT SAME TIME WE WERE GOING TO APPROACH JAMAICANS WITH SIMILAR PROPOSAL. END FYI.

3. PRESUMABLY BRYAN WILL CLEAR PROPOSED NOTE WITH GOJ IN KINGSTON AND WE PLAN TO EXCHANGE NOTES HERE WHEN SUCH CLEARANCE OBTAINED. THEREFORE, NO ACTION IS REQUIRED BY EMBASSY AND THIS MESSAGE IS FOR INFO PURPOSES ONLY. KISSINGER

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